ARTICLE 29

(1) No officer or official of the Host Country, or person exercising any public authority within the Host Country, shall enter the Premises to perform any official duties therein, except with the consent of the CE or at his/her request, and under the conditions approved by the CE.

(2) The consent to any necessary entry into the Premises shall be presumed, in case of a fire or other emergency requiring prompt protection action, or in the event that the authorities of the Host Country have reasonable cause to believe that such an emergency has occurred or is about to occur in the Premises.

ARTICLE 30

The Premises may be used for meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organised by the GIGO. The Premises shall not be used in any manner incompatible with the purpose and scope of the GIGO, as set forth in this Convention.

ARTICLE 31

The competent authorities of the Host Country shall use their best efforts within the applicable laws and regulations to ensure the security and protection of the Premises and exercise due diligence to ensure that the tranquillity of the Premises is not disturbed by the unauthorised entry of persons or groups of persons from outside or by disturbances in their immediate vicinity.

ARTICLE 32

To enable the GIGO to carry out its functions smoothly, the Government of the Host Country shall use its best efforts, in consultation with the GIGO, to take such measures as may be practicable to ensure that the Premises are provided with the necessary public services such as, but not limited to, utility, power and communications services.

ARTICLE 33

(1) The Government of the Host Country shall secure the inviolability of the official communications of the GIGO, whatever the means of the communications employed, and shall not apply any censorship to such communications.

(2) The GIGO shall have the right to use codes, operate communication equipment, as well as dispatch and receive correspondence.

ARTICLE 34

(1) Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria, to the extent required to meet its obligations, but subject to sanctions administered by one or more of the Parties, the Agency:

(a) may hold and use funds or currency of any kind and maintain and operate accounts in any currency and convert any currency held by it into any other currency; and

(b) shall be free to transfer its funds or currency from the Host Country to another country, or within the Host Country.

(2) In the event of the Host Country foreseeing or experiencing a serious balance of payments or external financial difficulties, the GIGO shall consult urgently with the Host Country to consider requests to limit the transfer of funds or currency.

ARTICLE 35

(1) Within the scope of its official activities, the GIGO, its property, assets and income shall be exempt from all direct taxation.

(2) Articles imported, exported or transferred by the GIGO for its official use shall be exempt from customs duties, taxes and other levies, or prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or transfers. It is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption shall not be sold in the Host Country except under conditions agreed with its Government. It is also understood that such exemption shall not require the Parties to permit the import, export or transfer of articles contrary to national arms control regimes or related laws and regulations.

(3) With respect to taxes on goods and services which are purchased by the GIGO and are strictly necessary for the exercise of its official activities, the GIGO shall enjoy exemption or relief from the payment of such taxes on important purchases, in accordance with the usual practices of the Host Country. For the purposes of this Convention, important purchases shall be interpreted as the purchase of goods or the provision of services of a value exceeding the threshold, if applicable, provided for under the legislation of the Host Country in respect of international organisations. These requirements, however, shall not affect the general principles laid down in this paragraph.

ARTICLE 36

The GIGO shall not claim exemptions under Article 35 from taxes which are, in fact, no more than charges for public services.